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Term 3 Week 7
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Newsletter

Missed a copy of our newsletters? You will find them on our school website. Our school's website is found at:
<http://www.huntingdon-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

RECEIVING OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS BY E-MAIL ... Please contact the school so we can add your name to our ever growing list of families receiving their newsletters by e-mail.

Upcoming events	
Friday 1 st September	Small Schools Soccer Gala Day
Monday 4 th – Friday 8 th September	Electricity Safety Week
Monday 4 th September	'Go Live' Day for new School Administration System
Thursday 7 th September	Last Library Van visit for Term 3
Monday 11 th September	Fun with Maths Day
Friday 22nd September	Last day of Term 3
Principal's Message	

Myuna Bay Camp

Last week, many of our students from Years 3,4,5 and 6 attended the Small Schools' Annual Camp at Myuna Bay. Throughout the three days, all students were taught about the importance of learning independence and facing challenges with a positive attitude to take risks in their learning. These very important life skills were taught through activities such as Rock Wall Climbing, Canoeing, Archery, High and Low Ropes Courses, the Giant Swing and the Flying Fox. It was fantastic to see all of our students determined to have a go at all activities! Thank you to Mrs Platts for helping us on camp and a big thank you to all of the parents for working so hard to get your children there.

LMBR 'Go Live' Week

Next week, our school, along with many others in the state, is transitioning to the new Department of Education Finance and Student Wellbeing State Wide Computer Systems. This is a colossal undertaking and may take some time for us to master smoothly. Mrs Golding has been working tirelessly over the past 6 months to prepare our school for this transition and we cannot thank her enough for her work to date.

Monday next week is our first 'Go Live' day. We are very excited about this new system, however, it is also very new to us and so we are a little apprehensive as well. Please bear with us if we have some glitches to start off with. We are all learning this new system but we will work as hard as we can to have it running smoothly as soon as possible.

NAPLAN Online Readiness Testing

Next year, NAPLAN is moving to an online delivery format. This means that NAPLAN will move from the current paper-based tests to computer-based assessments. The transition to NAPLAN Online is beginning this year, to ensure that schools are ready for 2018.

Some of the main benefits of students taking part in NAPLAN Online include:

- **Better assessment** – and more precise results. NAPLAN Online uses a tailored test or adaptive design, where the test automatically adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match the student achievement level, allowing the student to demonstrate their knowledge. This provides teachers and schools with more targeted and detailed information on students' performance on the tests. Tailored testing also provides an opportunity to broaden the scope of the assessments.
- **Faster turnaround of results.** Delivery of assessments online significantly reduces the time it takes to provide feedback to schools, students and parents, so teachers can respond more quickly to learning needs.
- **More engaging.** ACARA research into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

As technology develops, ACARA aims to further refine the delivery of the tests to best use the available technology to provide increasingly sophisticated assessments and valuable feedback to teachers, parents and education authorities.

Next week, all students in Year 3 and Year 5 will participate in the NAPLAN Online readiness tests. These tests are computer-based and will be in the same format as NAPLAN Online, however, they are not being used to assess student achievement. The NAPLAN Online Readiness testing is being held to assess whether our school has the technological capacity to successfully run these tests and to provide feedback to ACARA so that they can further develop the program in preparation for 2018.

Further information about the transition to NAPLAN Online can be found at:
<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Kindergarten Transition Program

Our remaining Term 3 transition dates are:

Tuesday 5th September – 9.40-10.20am

Tuesday 19th September – 9.40-10.20am



Soccer Gala Day

The Small Schools' Soccer Gala Day is to be held on **Friday 1st September 2017**. Travel to the sporting field will be by bus. The bus will leave our school at 9.30am for a 10.00am start and return to school by 2.45pm. A nominal fee of \$3.00 per student is payable towards the organization of the day (referees, grounds, equipment, trophies etc.). All players **MUST HAVE:** closed in footwear (*no bare feet permitted*); shin pads (*easily cut from a cardboard box*); long socks (*to hold up shin pads*); drink bottle/s (*labelled with their name*); the usual sun protection, lunch and recess. The canteen will be open and will have a selection of pies, sausage rolls, steak and sausage sandwiches and bacon and egg rolls for those who wish to purchase them.

Max Dring
29th August



Patrick McDonald
30th August

Enrolment Policy

All schools in our local area have been asked to review their Enrolment Policy to align with the Department of Education's priority of students enrolling in their local school.

Our Enrolment Policy has now been reviewed and refined by the staff, the P&C and the Director of Public Schools and is being uploaded onto our website. The following is a summary of the information in our Enrolment Policy:

Children are entitled to be enrolled at the government school that is designated for the intake area within which the child's home is situated and that the child is eligible to attend. (Refer to the map for Huntingdon Public School Zone)

Parents may seek to enrol their child in their local school.

Schools are required to have a written policy which states the criteria on which non-local enrolments will be accepted. As Huntingdon Public School has reached its local enrolment capacity, the school, at present, can only accept enrolments from within zone. (Local Enrolments)

In exceptional circumstances, Huntingdon Public School may be directed to accept a non-local enrolment. If you feel your request for non-local enrolment is an exceptional circumstance, please follow these procedures.

1. Contact the Director of Public Schools

Mr Graham Small

Port Macquarie Office, PO Box 1586

02 6586 6900

Myuna Bay Sport & Recreation Camp



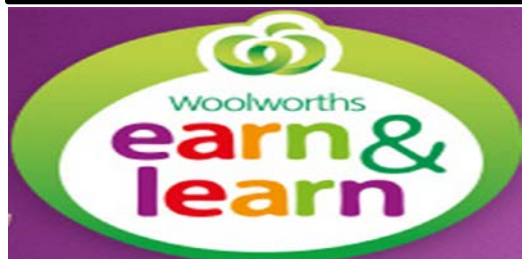
Community Noticeboard

Town Tennis

Come and try Friday afternoon Junior Tennis between 4pm and 5pm every Friday at the Port Macquarie Tennis Club overlooking Oxley beach. Great for children wanting to improve their Tennis by playing other Junior Tennis players. The children will learn to rally, where to stand on the court and score.

Each child will receive a free sausage sandwich from our new outdoor Kitchen.

Cost \$6 per afternoon. For more info call Greg on 65849940 or email pmtc@bestit.net.au



**Earn & Learn runs from
26th July to
19th September 2017 -
Thank you for your support**



Little Athletics is a uniquely Australian sport for children aged 3-16 years. As the name suggests, it is based upon the sport of athletics (track and field) and the events are specially modified to suit the ages and abilities of children. A wide range of running, jumping, throwing and walking events is conducted.

Wauchope Little Athletics Centre will be holding information day Saturday 26th August will be 9am till noon out the front of IGA Wauchope.

Starting on the 1st September we will be running event instructions teaching techniques for throws, jumps and running.

Competition nights will be starting 13th October.

We run on Friday afternoons from 5:15pm at Blackbutt Park during the school term.

Cost : Under 6/17's \$90

Tiny Tots \$75

Anyone wanting more information is invited to come along and chat to the committee.

Wauchope Little Athletics catering for children aged from 3 years old up to 16 years.

A new Tiny Tots program will be commencing this season.

Anyone wishing to join can go to LANSW website and follow links.

For further information please phone

Jacky – 041005789

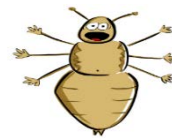
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Head Lice

- Avoid sharing clothing, especially hats, ribbons, head bands and helmets
- Discourage children from playing with each other's hair
- Don't share brushes, combs, towels and pillows
- Keep long hair plaited or firmly tied back to prevent contact from other students.
- Thank you for your cooperation.



Sept. Oct. School Holidays 2017



Tuesday 26th September

Little Bang Discovery Club @ Port Library

from 10.30am to 11.30am

Hands on Science Workshop for 4 to 7 years olds with Parents/Carers. Bookings essential 6581 8755

Wednesday 27th September



The Wonderful World of Bees @ Laurieton Library from 10.30am to 12 noon

Join Ana from Amber Drop Honey as we find out all about bees. Why are they so important to us? How do they work together to get the job done? How can we help bees in their work? Take a look at bees up close (but safely behind glass) and learn more about their world. Have fun with some bee craft and a story or two. **This activity is for 8 years plus.** For bookings, please call 6581 8177. Honey will be available for purchase.

Thursday 28th September



It's Wauchope's turn for the **Mighty Family Trivia Quiz Morning** @ Wauchope Library

11am to 12.30pm

All ages welcome. Test your brain power with lots of fun activities. Book a family table or come along and make new friends. Lots of surprise library pack prizes! Bonus points if you wear a crazy hat. Call 6581 8162 to book your place.

Thursday 28th September

Come and celebrate the refurbishment of **Kooloonbung Creek Arboretum**

Local Birpai Artist, Trish McInherney will be sharing her **Water Dragon story** and helping you make a weaving using local natural resources from 10.15am to

11.15am The Official Opening with morning tea will be at 10.30am. Meet at the beautiful Water Dragon on Gordon Street (opposite Finnians). *See you there.*



Friday 29th September

Pop Up IT @ Port Library

Pop up I.T. Open Day @ Port Library

9.30am to 11.30am You are invited to come in and try the latest in 'weird techie stuff' at Port Macquarie-Hastings Library's new Tech Room - Virtual Reality, 3D Printer, Makey Makey, Raspberry Pi.

All ages welcome. No bookings required...just come along



Wednesday 4th October



Makers Market @ Port Library

9.30am to 12 noon Young stall holders are invited to sell

their handicrafts. **Registration essential** - see Virginia - 6581 8755 or

virginia.cox@pmhc.nsw.gov.au



Wednesday 4th October



Yoga For Young Ones @ Port Library

Join Phoebe from Nectar Creative Therapies for two Yoga sessions. **Pre-schoolers** with parents/carers are invited to join in a workshop from **10 am to 10.30am** and **school aged children (6 years to 10 years)** from **11.15am to 11.45am**. Bookings essential 6581 8755

Thursday 5th October



Port Macquarie Family Fun Day

Join in all the fun at Findlay Park Findlay Avenue Port Macquarie (near Westport High School). **Loads of fun for all the family.** 10am to 1pm. Look out for the Library Van.

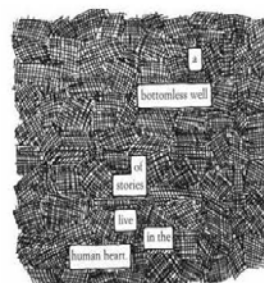
Friday 6th October



Blackout Poetry @ Port Library

10am to 11.30am

Returning by popular demand, we are gathering to explore this exciting idea. Blackout poetry focuses on rearranging words to create a different meaning. **A great activity for teens.** For bookings, please call 6581 8755



All activities free

www.mnclibrary.org.au

Port Macquarie Library - Corner Gordon & Grant Streets, Wauchope Library - High Street (near Post Office)

Laurieton Library - Laurie Street (near School of Arts Hall)

See you at the Library!